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TO AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO IMMEDIATE

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EXDIS, TOSEC 215

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION STATE INFO BEIRUT FROM ANKARA MAY 21,
REPEATED TO YOU:

QUOTE

S E C R E T ANKARA 4011

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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC, TU

SUBJ: ASSASSINATION THREAT, RANSOM DEMANDED

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BEIRUT PASS RSO, RSS

1. MONDAY, MAY 21, AT MID- AFTERNOON, THE EMBASSY RECEIVED
AN ENVELOP ADDRESSED IN TURKISH TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY,
ANKARA, TURKEY. IT WAS POSTMARKED BEIRUT, BUT DATE OF
POSTAL MARK CANNOT BE READ CLEARLY.

2. THE UNDATED TYPED LETTER INSIDE ENVELOP IS ADDRESSED TO
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" HONORABLE AMBASSADOR." LETTER IS ENTIRELY IN TURKISH.
LETTER BEARS NO SIGNATURE, BUT, RATHER, A TYPED SIGNATURE
TITLE: THE SECRETARY OF THE " KEGO" THIS ABBREVIATION MAY
REPEAT MAY STAND FOR QUOTE KOYLU EMEKCI GENCLIK ORGUTU
(PEASANT WORKER YOUTH ORGANIZATION) UNQUOTE.

3. SELF- EXPLANATORY TEXT OF LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE

HONORABLE AMBASSADOR-- OUR ORGANIZATION IS IN URGENT
NEED OF 100,00 DOLLARS OR ITS EQUIVALENT OF 300,00 MARKS.
IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT THIS MONEY BE PROVIDED BY YOU.
WE ARE RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THAT THIS MONEY, WHICH
IS BEING DEMANDED, BE TURNED OVER AT THE LATEST ON MAY 25,
1973 AT 1100 HOURS TO A PERSON OR TO A BANK ACCOUNT WE SHALL
INFORM IN BEIRUT. OTHERWISE, AI AM SORRY TO INFORM YOU THAT
WE SHALL BE COMPELLED TO KILL BY SHOOTING MANY OF YOUR CITIZENS,
INCLUDING YOURSELF.
AS YOU MAY WELL KNOW MANY OF YOUR CITIZENS LIVE IN VARIOUS
PARTS OF TURKEY. NONE OF THESE CAN PROTECT HIMSELF AGAINST US
PROPERLY, BECAUSE IT CAN NEVER BE DEFINITELY DETERMINED WHO SHALL
BE KILLED WHERE, WHEN, IN WHAT MANNER AND BY WHOM. FOR THIS
REASON, IT IS NECESSARY THAT THIS MONEY HAS TO BE PAID WITHOUT
ANY COMPLAINT OR OBJECTION IF YOUR LIVES ARE TO BE SPARED.
IN TODAY' S WORLD, AS MANY THINGS ARE CHANGING, TERROR METHODS
ARE ALSO CHANGING AND NEW METHODS ARE BEING FOUND. IN THE OLD
DAYS, A MAN WOULD BE KIDNAPPED AND A RANSOM WOULD BE DEMANDED.
THIS HAD MANY DRAWBACKS. IN TODAY' S SYTEM, AN UNKNOWN VICTIM
IS BEING CHOSEN AND HE IS BEING INFORMED. IF THE MONEY IS NOT
PAID, THE VICTIM IS SHOT AND KILLED FROM A DISTANCE. WE ALSO HAVE
CHOSEN THIS METHOD. WE ARE ENCLOSING A CATALOG ON THE WEAPON
WE HAVE AVAILABLE. WHEN STUDIED, IT WILL BE SEEN THAT WHEN A
SHARPSHOOTER IS USING THIS GUN, NO ONE WITHIN A DISTANCE OF 1000
METERS CAN BE SAFE. FOR THIS REASON, WE ARE REQUESTING YOU TO
DELIVER THE SYMBOLIC RANSOM IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE RE-
OCCURRENCE OF THE BITTER EXPERIENCES OF THE PAST. OTHERWISE YOU
OR YOUR OFFICIALS SHALL BE MORALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE INCIDENTS
WHICH MAY OCCUR.
CONSEQUENTLY, WE ARE REQUESTING YOU TO SEND A TURKISH-
SPEAKING OFFICIAL OF YOUR EMBASSY TO BEIRUT AND WAIT FOR THE
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TELEPHONE CALL THAT WILL BE COMING FROM US AT YOUR EMBASSY IN
BEIRUT, TEL NO. 240800, AT 10 O' CLOCK SHARP. OUR MAN SHALL
CALL EXACTLY AT 10 O' CLOCK ON MAY 25, 1973, FRIDAY, AND SHALL
INFORM YOU WHERE TO DELIVER THE MONEY.
WE ARE REQUESTING THAT YOU ACCEPT OUR DEEPEST RESPECTS
AND REFRAIN FROM ACTIONS THAT MAY PUT US IN A DIFFICULT POSITION.
SIGNED K. E. G. O., SECRETARY UNQUOTE

4. THE LETTER ITSELF IS A CARBON COPY MADE ON, HOWEVER, BOND- WEIGHT PAPER. ORIGINALLY THE DATES WERE TYPED AS MAY 5, SATURDAY, BUT INKED CORRECTIONS WERE MADE TO CHANGE THESE TO MAY 25, FRIDAY.

5. WE ARE CONSULTING TURKISH SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITIES ABOUT THIS MATTER AND WILL REPORT THEIR JUDGMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. WE ARE ALSO CALLING TOMORROW A MEETING OF THE COUNTRY TEAM SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE.

6. ASSUMING, OF COURSE, THAT WE WILL NOT REPEAT NOT CONSIDER PAYING THIS RANSOM, WE WOULD NEVERTHELESS APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT' S (AND EMBASSY BEIRUT' S) VIEWS RE THE HANDLING OF THE TELEPHONE CALL THAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE MADE TO EMBASSY BEIRUT ON MAY 25 (E. G., WHETHER ENTRAPMENT OR PENETRATION EFFORTS SHOULD BE MADE).
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